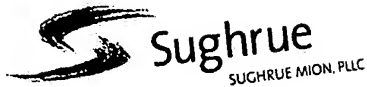


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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Kazuo OTSUKA and Masafumi FURUYAMA  
PAPER FEEDER  
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION  
Our Ref: Q77374  
Continuation of Application No.: 09/866,868



Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/866,868 (Confirmation No.4502) filed May 30, 2001 of Kazuo OTSUKA and Masafumi FURUYAMA entitled PAPER FEEDER.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 14 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3652.

The specification has been amended by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a continuation of Application No. 09/866,868 filed May 30, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Priority is claimed from:

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A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/866,868. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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